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communications on this topic. Our objective is to have the British take action to remove the Jagan government prior to granting independence. The British wish to grant early independence and be quit of the whole matter. We feel the latter course would land another Caribbean Communist on our doorstep. The British so far refuse to reimpose colonial rule, which we advocate.

I went home later to dine with Virginia Chambers, who is staying with us. Kisty was also there for the night, but went out to Dulles to meet Eliza Lloyd who arrives tomorrow morning.

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Mr. Grant, of the Secret Service, entertained me this morning with the story of the hassle over what automobile the President will use for the 4-1/2 mile drive from Birch Grove to the Catholic Church where he will attend mass at 8:30 Sunday morning. The White House preference is for a Cadillac bubble top, now being flown over from Washington--one is already serving the President in Germany. The British wish him to use a right-hand drive Rolls. I have been asked to intervene in the dispute if it should become acrimonious. Measurements are now being taken of the space between gate posts at Birch Grove. It may be that the Cadillac cannot squeeze through.

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Jean Monnet lunched with me at the office. He thinks the Presidential tour is just dandy, and was necessary. He hopes this afternoon's speech at Frankfort will demonstrate the consistency of American policy, especially about MLF.

Eldon Griffiths came to see me. I checked with him the rumors current in London that Newsweek intends shortly to run a cover story on Christine Keeler. This would be a disgraceful thing to do; also, it is likely to loose a flood of vituperation against the United States. I sent Pierre Salinger the following telegram:

"Eyes Only for Pierre Salinger from Bruce.

I have it on substantial authority that a rumor broadly current in London is true, namely Newsweek in a forthcoming issue, probably next week or the following, expects to publish a cover story on Christine Keeler. They are said to be making the necessary arrangements including interviewing Keeler.

I would regard such a display as distinctly harmful to the US public interest. It will undoubtedly be fiercely resented here, will cause retaliation, and would in my opinion be in the worst possible taste apart from other repercussions.

I should think it advisable, if possible, to restrain Newsweek from glorifying Miss Keeler on the cover, regardless of what they carry as NEWS STORIES.

Sorry to bother you about this, but it is urgent. If they go ahead, I suppose we can expect next year to witness a banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria a la Time, for Newsweek's cover personalities, with Miss Keeler as a guest of honor."

Eric Sevareid, that attractive man, called on me this afternoon.

I had a letter today from Cecil King, who owns the principal newspaper in British Guiana. I shall ask his permission to show it to the Secretary. It reads:

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